



**DISTRICT 20N 1<sup>ST</sup> CABINET MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by D.G. Lion Clancy Burkwit @ The Hamburg Casino with 42 Lions and 1 Lioness in attendance.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag by R.C. Lion Don Dove, God Bless America and O Canada by Lion George Bridgeman and Prayer by ZC Rich Jachimiak. A moment of silence was observed in memory of PDG Roger Haase.

D.G. Clancy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He introduced himself and then gave the mike to those in attendance so that each person there was recognized.

DG said that his Club visitations appear in the DGNFL each issue. DGNFL – next deadline is Sept 28<sup>th</sup> for the Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> issue.

**Secretary's report** Lion Dann Dunn moved/Lion Don Dove 2<sup>nd</sup> that we accept the e-mail copy previously sent by CS Lion Nancy Luckman without change. Motion carried with none opposed.

**Treasurers Report** – attached. Motion to accept by Lion Tom Witkowski/2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sheila Jones. Motion carried with none opposed. Dist and DGNFL dues are due now to Lion Jim Luckman. He thanked the many Clubs have all ready paid.

Extra pins and directories are still available.

**GLT/GML TEAMS** - DG Clancy announced that our MERL Team as we know it is now gone. It has been replaced with GLM (Global Membership Team) headed in our District by Lion Tom Witkowski and GLT ( Global Leadership Team) headed by PCT Lion Roger Lis.

**Multiple GMT Chair PCC Ken Butkowski.**- membership, extension and retention working in concert with one another to gain membership and retain those we have.

**Dist. GMT Chair Lion Tom Witkowski** – GMT will serve as the vehicle of communication amongst our membership. Analyze your Clubs and find out what stumbling blocks need to be corrected to attain membership and then keep members. Ask a member “What does Lions mean to you?” Use the community needs assessment form available from Lions International.

The GMT team is more than willing to work with your Clubs. Lion Tom is looking for 75% of the Clubs to engage in this endeavor and 75% of it's members to participate. 3 or 4 Lions needed to serve on this committee.

Lion Tom said that they are working with the Wheatfield Club and would also like to establish a Club to replace the defunct Sanborn Club.

**DIRECTORY** –Corrections for the directory should be e-mailed to Lion Paul Grimble, and CS Lion Nancy Luckman.

**DGNFL** – Deadlines for articles for the newsletter should go directly to Lion Diane Muscoreil, newsletter editor by Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> for the 10/14 edition; Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> for the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

edition; Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> for the Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> edition; Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> for the March 1<sup>st</sup> edition; Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> for the Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> edition and May 15<sup>th</sup> for the June 1<sup>st</sup> edition.

Her e-mail address is [diane.muscoreil@gmail.com](mailto:diane.muscoreil@gmail.com)

**Ads** for the DGNFL will be \$150.00 for a full page, \$85.00 for ½ page, \$50.00 for ¼ page and \$30.00 for business card size. All these prices are discounted by 50% for Clubs. Articles indicating an upcoming event have no charge. Checks for ads should be made out to Dist. 20N and mailed to CT Luckman @ 2761 Caledonia St. Newfane 14108

## **Region and Zone Reports**

**R1/Z1** ZC Lion Stu Comerford:

**Ransomville** – sell out night at the Races in Aug to support Radio Reading Services. Continue to sell reflective house # signs.

**Wilson** – marched in Labor Day parade along with a float. Manning a water station in Lewiston for the Hospice Dash.

**Lewiston** – manning a water station for Hospice Dash; White Cane fundraiser; marched in Peach Festival parade along with the Town of Niagara Lions.

**Town of Niagara** – marched in Peach Festival parade

**Youngstown** – participated in Youngstown Community picnic; marched in Labor Day parade and won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize; July 8<sup>th</sup> – cooked for a Hospice Fundraiser.

**R2Z1** Chair Lion Tom Witkowski –

**Grand Island** -successful opening of Miracle League Field. Over \$1,000 raised through 50/50 sales. Club considering future purchases of scoreboard and sponsoring a team. 840 eyeglasses delivered to trailer. Members to participate in annual Crop Walk to assist with food pantry and provide food and water worldwide.

**Pendleton** – focus on food pantry and building shelving there; 1<sup>st</sup> annual membership cruise attended by 30 Lions and guests; Awarded 4 \$500 scholarships.

Town of Wheatfield – hosted A/20N picnic and DG Clancy’s fundraiser and roast. Club is pursuing restarting the Sanborn Club.

**R2Z2** – chair Lion Sheila Jones

**Amherst Club** will be participating in Diabetes Walk at Coca-Cola Field on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Having a speaker from Juvenile Diabetes Assn; Holding a Health Fair on Oct.29<sup>th</sup>; Placed flags on Main St in Williamsville for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and will place on Columbus Day, Election Day and Veterans Day.

**Kenmore** – selling carnations for Sight Days; Will send funds for “Coats For Kids”.

**Sheridan Drive** – Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**R3/Z2** chair – Lion Mike Lawkowski – no written report submitted. RC Lion Harold Deutschlander had surgery this past week.

**R4Z1** – Chair Lion Michele Wallace

**South Bflo/Lackawanna** – White Cane Sale this month; 16<sup>th</sup> annual Spaghetti dinner on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Several potential new members.

**West Seneca** – Country Breakfast and baked goods sale on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**R4/Z2** – Chair Lion Rick Jachimiak

**Boston** – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – raffle for a trip to Vegas

**East Aurora** – Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> steak roast; Blind Seals campaign in progress; Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – visit to their twin Club, the Wainfield Ontario Lions; Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – open house for potential members; Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – White Cane Sale; Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – distribute Thanksgiving grocery gift certificates; participating in Peace Poster Contest.

**Evans** – Camp Sunshine service project at Cradle Beach, held a Rib Fest; Golf Tournament on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>; will hold annual Halloween parade.

**Orchard Park** – hosted annual car show; assisted Wings with a fundraiser and will hold a Spaghetti dinner on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Town of Hamburg** – working on a new website.

R5 – chair Lion Don Dove: all Clubs were contacted. 4 Clubs have had DG visitations.

R5/Z2 – chair Lion Martha Dove:

**Falconer** – will join Jamestown for DG visit Have met with no projects planned.

**Frewsburg** – Corn roast on 9/12; worked on Town Park Cleanup; purchased eyeglasses for a student; planning Krispy Kreme sale for Oct.; Mid Nov –chicken and biscuit dinner; Leo Club working on more members.

**Gerry** – sold chances for a roll of lottery tickets at the annual Rodeo. Donated \$150 to the fire department; participating in Christmas doll project for the Salvation Army.

**Jamestown** – annual Corn Roast with the Cerebral Palsy group was held in Aug.; White Cane Sale next week at Wal-Mart; Children’s Safety Village building is complete and Lions will be dressing up for Halloween and handing out candy at the Village party.

**Randolph** – Golf tournament raised \$8000. with part of money going to add equipment for older children; Lions Den reading project at local library every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat; Lions signs erected at the two main entrances to town; Spaghetti dinner planned for Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> for an unemployed community member’s medical expenses.

R5/Z1 Lion Ann Aikin – no written report;

**Dunkirk Fredonia** – Peace poster participant; also had a successful booth at the County Fair.

**Pine Valley** – community calendar project which appears to be very successful.

**Mayville Chautauqua** – successful spaghetti dinner; Club is re-evaluating their Club and looking for new members. 1 new member and 1 more coming in next month.

Sherman – struggling and Region and Zone chairs are attempting contact.

Zone Chair Ann indicates that the Lions See Program is active in Chautauqua County. They are working with the Blind Assn in the county with Head Start, etc.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Peace Poster** –The theme for this year which is “Children Know Peace”. Deadline will be Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cabinet Meeting. Clubs should have their winners to him by that date. No later. District winners will be exhibited at the Market Street Gallery, 247 Market St., Lockport. On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Vision Beyond Sight** – PDG Lion Jeff Stribing looking for help at the Ross Eye Institute. Jobs are easy, but help is really needed. Contact Lion Jeff Stribing if you can volunteer.

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> semi-annual meeting for delegates from each club. Meeting starts at 10:30 @ the Olmstead Center. A mailing will go out soon. The death of PDG Haase and Lion Richard Teetsel have left 2 vacancies on the Board.

Cycle for Sight luncheon will be held at the Olmstead Center in honor of 10 years of cycling.

**Leos** – Lion Dove says we have 12 Clubs in the District and need to have updated info on advisors. Info needs to go to Lion Nanc and Lion Paul Grimble also. He asks that each Region or Zone Chair bring a Leo to the sub-district convention in Nov. He will have a brown bag lunch with the Leos there so that he can work with them..

**Sunshine** – Lion Sheila Jones reported the death of 7 Lions with sympathy cards

sent; prayers for grandson of Lions Jeff and Kim Stribing; and get well cards to Myra Martin and Lion Brian Paschen. Written report submitted.

**Convention Band** – Lion George Bridgeman tickets for all the Clubs in 20N to fund the band students. \$10 each with 10 tickets per Club. The multiple is not helping with the funding of the band and therefore the committee is attempting to keep the band going. Please send student applications when you receive them. Clubs participating in sending a student will receive a patch for their banner.

**Christmas For the Needy** –will be held on Dec.10<sup>th</sup> at Father Baker School, Wyndham Lawn Home and Randolph. All Clubs will be receiving letters.

**Photo Screening** - PDG Bob Shively – the MTI is obsolete. Eventually we will need to use all Welsch/Alyn screeners as film becomes unavailable. 5 Head Start screenings took place in August with a total of 247 students. Lion Priscilla Shoup of the Chautauqua Blind Assn will do Head Start schools in Salamanca & Olean next month. Screening at Harlem Road Resource Center on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please report to Lion Bob with the # of students and where your Club did a screening along with the date.

**See Program** – grant money running out. Letters sent out to every Club in the multiple needing a donation of \$250 from each Club. We need to cover administrative costs. Let's continue this very worthwhile program.

**LCIF** – PCC Lion Ken Butkowski reported that \$375,000 in grant money has been received in Dist. 20N thus far.(Started in 1968.) 424 MJF and 14 progressive MJF in our District. Call Lion Ken if you would like him to speak to your Club.

**PDG Leadership Award** – Packets coming in the mail in Nov. for your applicants for this award. They need to be back to Lion Ken by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please review your membership to see if they might meet the requirements.

**NYS & Bermuda Foundation** – PDG Lion Dave Gehring said we are the #1 District for the purchase of tickets for their annual raffle. Tickets will again be going out in Dec. or Jan. Purchase of 3 earns the club an Uplinger award. 20N has 3 Board members and if you are interested in being on the board, please see their website for the application.

**Ray Wheeler Fund** – donation letters will be sent out in early Nov. requesting 50 cents per member.

**Constitution and By Laws** – PDG Lion Don Newman will send a proposal to the Governor to be voted on by the voting Cabinet at the next Cabinet Meeting. The proposal would state that when changes are made by the Multiple or International that those changes be automatically included in our Dist. 20N Const. & By-laws.

## **Old Business -**

**LCIF grant for Vision Beyond Sight:**Lion Richard Jamiak presented the closeout figures along with what the grant money was spent on. The total original budget for additional equipment needed to facilitate the early diagnosis of eye problems as well as some research was \$156,143.. The purchase of that equipment in that amount was completed on February 5, 2011. Vision Beyond Sight raised the balance between the cost of equipment and the \$75,000 grant request. The grant request was sponsored by District 20N. VBS sees 2000 clients a year at the Ross Eye Institute.

Lion Dan Dunn moved that we accept the report and allow Vision Beyond Sight to request the closeout of the grant by LCIF. Lion Don Dove seconded the motion. Motion carried with none opposed.

**LCIF grant for the Miracle Field of Dreams of Grand Island & WNY.** Report given by Lion Tom Witkowski . The grant was for \$75,000 and was a community project. Lion Tom requested that the voting cabinet approve our final report so that the grant can

be closed out with LCIF. Sponsoring District is 20N along with the Grand Island Lions Club. The project was completed on August 30, 2011. The project has all ready served 400 children on 2 separate occasions this year for a total of 800 children.

The total amount of the \$75,000 grant was put towards the field surface and was completed by Field Surface America. The entire project of the Miracle Field was covered by 3 grants, one from LCIF, one from the Buffalo Sabres Organization and one by the Sabres Alumni Association. There is recognition at the field of both the Lions International and the Buffalo Sabres.

Lion Mike Lawkowski made a motion to accept the final report for this grant and allow Lion Tom Witkowski to forward the paperwork to LCIF to close out the grant. Lion Martha Dove seconded the motion. Motion carried with none opposed.

**New Business** – PDG Lion Jim Luckman presented a request that the Gasport Lions Club be allowed to submit an application to the NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation for matching funds to purchase a chicken bbq cooker on wheels at a total cost of \$6804. The matching grant would be for half of that or \$3402. The cost covers the cooker on a trailer, a cover and taxes. PDG Jim explained that approximately 1/3 of the Clubs charity income comes from the cooking of chickens for various organizations.. The cookers the Club has now are not portable and must be transported on one of the Gasport Lions members trailer. This will no longer be an option. They are also approximately 15 years old and will need to be repaired at a cost of \$3000. The Lions Logo and name of the Gasport Lions will appear on the trailer .Lion Rick Jachimiak moved that the voting cabinet approve this grant for presentation to the NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation. Lion Dan Dunn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**The Buffalo Host Lions will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on Oct.15, 2011 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Invitations have been mailed.

**The Riverside Lions have some wooden cases for Lions Mints.** They are wanting to get rid of them.

**Pin Vest Raffle** The drawing for the pin vest from the Region 1 Lions who sponsored a fundraiser for our District Governor was held. Lion Paul Grimble announced that PDG Lion Dave Gehring was the winner.

**Leadership for this next year.** Lion Nanc asked for future Zone and Region chairs to step up. We need to give some of our people a rest. See Lion John Shaffer if you will be willing to serve. Clubs will need to submit nominations at the next Cabinet meeting.

**FUTURE CABINET MEETINGS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting on Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ the Olmstead Center. This is also our Sub District Convention. **Please wear uniform if you have it. Otherwise, business attire.** Please don't stay away if you don't wish to wear either of these. We will have an International director as a speaker and 2 candidates for Int. Director will get 7 minutes each to explain their platform. Newfane Lion Tami Pivtchev will be timing the speakers this year in her capacity as Sergeant at Arms.

4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting on Sat., March 24, 2012 @ The Protocol Restaurant, Williamsville.

**Lion Mark Trinko** introduced himself. He is R6/Z2 chair. His address is 2135 Bedell Road, Grand Island, N.Y. 14072

**50/50** - \$ 120 collected. Lioness Joan Shively won half of that or \$60.00

**Adjournment** - Motion by Lion Tom Witkowski/2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Don Dove – carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Luckman, Secretary